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Davis Announces Grants to Train 1,023 Workers at Eight Central Indiana Companies

INDIANAPOLIS — Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis announced today that eight central Indiana companies will receive training grants valued at \$331,150 from the Indiana Department of Commerce's Skills Enhancement Fund.

"The state of Indiana is helping Hoosier businesses become more competitive in the marketplace," said Davis, who leads the state's economic development efforts as director of Commerce. "These grants give employees immediate access to the latest skills using new and improved equipment. This investment benefits both the business community and our state's workforce."

- **Air System Components, LP.**, Lebanon, is the recipient of a \$50,000 grant to train 147 incumbent employees following the company's investment of \$650,000 in equipment and building upgrades. The core business strategy of Air System Components is the production of large volume, high quality blower wheels. They also produce heating, air conditioning and air distribution manufacturing plants. The company will use the grant to train employees in lean manufacturing.
- **Deflecto Corp.**, Indianapolis, is the recipient of a \$55,800 grant to train seven new employees and 187 incumbent employees following the company's investment of \$380,000 in equipment and building upgrades. Deflecto Corp. has been a leading manufacturer and distributor for over 40 years. The company has branched out to become the supplier of choice in the air distribution, dryer venting, office products and literature display industries. Their training includes maintenance repair and troubleshooting, basic English and Spanish, basic and advanced injection molding, forklift operation, problem solving, lean manufacturing and team building.

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- **Information Systems Experts LLC**, Carmel, has been awarded a \$6,000 grant to train six new and 11 incumbent employees following the company's investment of approximately \$100,000 in building upgrades. Information System Experts was founded in 1995, and specializes in custom software application development and information technology systems support. Their training will include team building, project management and information technology management.
- **Noble Industries Inc.**, Noblesville, has been awarded a \$43,500 grant to train 45 incumbent employees and 13 new employees following the company's investment of \$2.8 million in new equipment, building expansion and land. Noble Industries Inc. was established in 1968 and has capitalized on constant innovation to place itself among the leaders in precision sheet metal fabrication. From quote to finished product, they intensively manage parts throughout the manufacturing process. Their training will include advanced welding, blueprint reading, forklift training and machine operation.
- **Porter Engineered Systems Inc.**, Westfield, has been awarded a \$33,000 grant to train 263 incumbent employees and 22 new employees following the company's investment of \$568,000 in new production equipment. Porter Engineered Systems Inc. opened their doors in 1990 providing seat-positioning systems to the automotive industry. Working knowledge of the equipment and process is imperative to provide their customers with high quality products. The company will use the grant to train its employees in forklift operations, blue print reading and team building.
- **Schenker-CCW**, Indianapolis, has been awarded an \$11,350 grant to train 35 new employees following the company's investment of \$986,120 in building and equipment. Schenker-CCW has provided innovative logistics solutions around the world. They have pioneered milestones such as the consolidation shipment and door-to-door service. The company will use the grant to train its employees in a host of company-specific skills.
- **Golden Stream Quality Foods Inc.**, Fishers, has been awarded a \$70,000 grant to train 29 new and 130 incumbent employees following the company's investment of approximately \$2 million in building upgrades and new equipment. The company creates and produces quality chocolate and yogurt confections, snack and trail mixes, roasted nuts and dried fruits. Their training includes basic English, forklift training, computer skills, teambuilding and machine training.
- **Delphi Corp.**, Anderson, has been awarded \$61,500 grant to train 128 incumbent employees following the company's investment of approximately \$5.4 million in equipment. Delphi Corp. is a world leader in mobile electronics, transportation components and systems technology. Their training includes problem solving, team building, robotics and machining.

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The Commerce Department awards Skills Enhancement Fund grants to Indiana companies that undertake capital investment projects. The grants help defray the costs of training new and current employees in basic work skills and company-specific skills necessary to support the project. Companies interested in learning more about the Skills Enhancement Fund or other Commerce programs should contact their regional Commerce office at 800.463.8081, or visit the Web site at www.indianacommerce.com.

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